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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NEW DEMOCRACY DEPUTY COSTIS GONTIKAS

1. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH DEPTOFFS (EUR) APRIL 19, VISIT-
ING ND DEPUTY COSTIS GONTIKAS OFFERED THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS
OF GREEK INTERNAL POLITICAL SCENE, INCLUDING FOLLOWING OB-
SERVATIONS:

A. CARAMANLIS WOULD PROBABLY MOVE UP TO PRESIDENCY SOME-
TIME BEFORE NOV 1978 ELECTIONS, PERHAPS IN SPRING OF 1978,
AND WOULD DESIGNATE PARLIAMENTARY LEADER PAPACONSTANTINO
AS LEADER OF THE PARTY AND THUS INTERIM PRIME MINISTER.
AS 1978 ELECTIONS APPROACH, CENTER/RIGHT PARTIES WILL
SPLINTER, WITH ROYALIST/RIGHT PARTY EMERGING PERHAPS UNDER
AVEROFF AND OTHER PARTIES COALESCING AROUND RALLIS, PAPA-
LIGOURAS, OR OTHERS. UDC WOULD LOSE SOME OF ITS SUPPORT-
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ERS TO THESE GROUPS, WHOSE FORMATION WOULD SERVE THE
INTERESTS OF -- AND PERHAPS BE ENCOURAGED BY -- CARAMANLIS.

B. PAPANDREOU HAS DRIVEN HIS MOST CAPABLE SUPPORTERS OUT
OF PASOK, AND SEEMS INCAPABLE OF SHARING POWER OR PUB-
LICITY WITH ANYONE.

C. MITSOTAKIS STILL HOPES TO BECOME CARAMANLIS' SUCCESSOR,

AND THUS HAS BEEN UNWILLING TO ACCEPT OFFERS OF LESSER
POSITIONS AND HESITANT TO FORM HIS OWN PARTY.

2. ON CYPRUS, GONTIKAS BELIEVED MAKARIOS' GRACEFUL STEP-
PING DOWN WOULD BE A MOST SALUTORY DEVELOPMENT IN REACH-
ING A SETTLEMENT, BUT THAT IN ANY EVENT MAKARIOS WAS
CLEARLY THE KEY.

3. GONTIKAS FEELS THAT GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS WOULD BE
TROUBLED EVEN IF CYPRUS QUESTION IS SETTLED AND THAT
HARDLINERS IN GREECE WOULD LIMIT GOG'S FREEDOM TO MAKE
EVEN REASONABLE AND USEFUL COMPROMISES.
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